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## SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated August 20, 2001 (copy attached), submitted herewith is the signed declaration for the above-identified patent application, along with our check in the amount of \$1,040.00 to cover the \$710.00 application filing fee, the \$130.00 surcharge for the late filing of the declaration, \$160.00 for the additional relaims fee and \$40.00 for the Assignment Recordation fee.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.

  Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$160.
  - \$160 for 2 independent claims over 3.
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